

Improvements at Tucson.

Between Tucson and the mountains on the southwest, is the broad valley of the Santa Cruz, very fertile, well watered, and capable of producing large crops. In this valley several fine gardens have been laid out, with an abundance of fruit trees, whose beautiful blossoms promise a rich feast in the future. Within a few miles of Tucson there is considerable arable land, easily irrigated, with good grazing grounds adjacent—all well adapted for ranches, and destined soon to be taken up and settled.

The residents of Tucson say the town has greatly improved within a year past. Various new buildings are in progress, and the neat white-washed houses have an air of Americanism that is truly refreshing. Mr. Robinson is erecting a capacious store-house, and has, also, the finest garden in town. Col. Walker, Indian agent, is also putting up a neat office, and the hotel lately opened has a good business. Near the town there are several extensive cattle ranches—the range being all along the valley of the Santa Cruz. Mr. Hayden, late of the firm of Hayden & Robinson, has left for the States to purchase an extensive stock of goods adapted to the trade of this Territory, and will return with his train as soon as possible.

Indian Outrages near Ft. Quitman.

The Indians are becoming troublesome in Texas at last advice. Five government mules were stolen on the night of February 4th, from a party of men employed in burning lime, about one mile and a half from Fort Quitman. They were recognized as Muscalero Apaches. From an official report of Capt. Lee, commandant at Ft. Quitman, we learn that an attack was made upon a Mr. Dawson's train the same night, it is supposed by the same party, who succeeded in driving off one animal and wounding two of his Mexicans—one mortally.

The chief of this band was killed in a hand-to-hand conflict with a Mexican, "and (says Capt. Lee,) is now hanging to the limb of a cotton-wood tree over the spot where he fell, and in sight of the post." The chief was recognized as *Jose Maria*, the Muscalero Chief. The rest of the band fled across the Rio Grande.

SAINT JOSE.—The anniversary of this sanctified individual, was duly celebrated at Tucson, on the 19th inst., by parading a disgusting wax figure through the streets, firing guns, and ringing the solitary church bell; of course all the participants in this touching ceremony were Mexicans. The persevering manner in which they celebrate "Saints Days" is worthy of a better cause.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—At Tucson on the night of the 18th a Mexican, received a shot from a pistol, accidentally fired off in the hands of a German named Streuve.

The genial warmth of early spring has already started vegetation into activity; the cotton-woods lining the Santa Cruz are putting on their summer coats of bright green, peach trees are in blossom, and bright wild flowers on all sides open their petals to greet the eye of the passer-by. Nature is again assuming her most lovely aspect, and our valley begins to wear the charming verdure of Eden before the fall. A few more weeks, however, and like our first parents of old, we shall find serpents besetting our pathway, as we wander through the beautiful expanse of shade, flowers and sunshine.

PERSONAL.—We had the pleasure of a call a few days since, from Judge Hart, of El Paso, who has been spending several days in this vicinity. He visited several of the most important silver mines, and inspected their mode of working, and appeared well satisfied that the mineral resources of Arizona, give great promise of vast importance in the future, when more fully developed. We regret that his stay among us was for so brief a period, and hope that business or pleasure will cause him to revisit this region frequently.

OUR BONIFACE, of the "Arizona House," as the only hotel in Tubac is called, is winning "golden opinions" from all travelers who partake of his hospitality. We are pleased to observe evidences of prosperity in his excellent bill of fare, which is not surpassed by any public house in the Territory, and hope his patronage will be most liberal. All persons visiting Tubac who appreciate a polite and attentive host excellent accommodations both for man and beast, and moderate charges, will stop at the Arizona House.

Farmers along the Sonoita and Santa Cruz valleys are putting in larger crops than usual, this season, and several new ranches have been started.

THE mails of the Overland Mail Co. leave St. Louis and Memphis the same day, and intersect at Fort Smith, and are carried across the country, 2,745 miles, in about 23 days as a general thing. The greater part of the route is uninhabited except by the employees of the Company.

The Senate's Committee on Finance have agreed to report an amendment to the general Appropriation Bill, making it the duty of the Treasurer of the Mint, or any of its branches, when refined gold is deposited, to make payment for the same as soon as its value is ascertained, and the coin made. The charge for making coin from refined bullion is to be three-eighths of one per centum.

The first California gold was discovered on Captain Sutter's rancho on the American river. The discovery has led to the greatest law-suit ever known in this country. It is now up again before the Supreme Court at Washington. Mr. Crittenden appears for Sutter. It is a trial of immense interest, the title involving twenty millions of dollars. Quite a California mine! It claims both cities of Sacramento and Marysville, all together thirty-three square leagues of land, lying upon the Sacramento, Feather and American rivers, under two grants. One of these, eleven leagues, was made by Governor B. Alvarado in 1841—the other twenty-two leagues by Gov. Micheltorena in 1845. The United States deny the validity of these grants. It is the largest land case ever brought before this court.—*San Antonio Herald.*

NEW KIND OF CIDER.—At the late meeting of the United States Agricultural Society, held at Washington, D. C., Mr. A. Jenks, a Virginia farmer, produced a number of bottles of good cider, made from the juice of the Scorgio, or Chinese sugar cane, Mr. Jenks' process is very simple. He treats the juice to bring the feculent matters to the top, whence he removes them by skimming. He then barrels or bottles the liquor, and lets it stand. In about eight days it has become cider, and when fermentation has advanced to the right stage, he bottles it and preserves it as champagne.

It will be recollected that the Commissioner of Patents a short time since overruled the application of Mr. McCormick for an extension on his patent for reaping-machines. He has written out at length his reasons for refusing a renewal. The patentee realized from his patent of 1845 and 1847 the sum of \$1,297,915, which the Commissioner considers ample compensation for the ingenuity and trouble expended, taking into consideration the fact that the great feature of the patent of 1847—the reaper's seat—is still the property of Mr. McCormick, and can be used only subject to his terms.

THE question of the cession of West Florida to Alabama is to be submitted to the people of the former at the next election.

Table of Distances.

For the benefit of travelers, we give the following table of distances between the stations on the Overland Mail Route from San Francisco to St. Louis, via Arizona:

San Francisco to Clark's 12, San Water 9; Redwood City 9, Mountain View, 12, San Jose 11, Seventeen Mile House 17, Gilroy 13, Pacheco Pass 18, St. Louis Rancho 17, Lone Willow 18, Temple Ranch 13, Firebaugh's Ferry 15, Fresno City 19, Elk Horn Spring 22, Whitmore's Ferry 17, Cross Creek 12, Visalia 12, Packwood 12, Tule River 14, Fountain Spring 14, Mountain House 12, Posey Creek 15, Gordon's Ferry 10, Kern River Slough 12, Sink of Tejon 14, Fort Tejon 15, Reed's 8, French John's 14, Widow Smith's 24, King's 10, Hart's 12, San Fernando Mission 8, Canuengo 12, Los Angeles 12, Total 462 miles; time 80 hours.

Los Angeles to Monte 13, San Jose 12, Rancho del Chino 12, Temascal 20, Laguna Grande 10, Tecuella 21, Tejuengo 14, Oak Grove 12, Warner's Ranch 10, San Felipe 10, Vallecito 18, Palm Spring 9, Carleso Creek 9, Indian Wells (without water) 32, Alamo Mucho (without water) Cook's Wells

(without water) 24, Pilot Knob 18, Fort Yuma, 10. Total, 282 miles; time, 72 hours and 20 minutes.

Fort Yuma to Swivelor's 20, Fillbuster Camp 18, Peterman's 19, Griswell's 12, Flap Jack Rancho 15, Outman Flat 20, Murderer's Grave 20, Gila Rancho 17, Maricopa Wells 40, Socaton 22, Pienchio 37, Pointer Mountain 22, Tucson 18. Total 280 miles; time 71 hours 45 minutes.

Tucson to the Cienega 35, San Pedro (without water) 24, Dragon Springs (without water) 23, Apache Pass (without water) 40, Steen's Peak (without water) 35, Soldier's Farewell (without water) 42, Ojo de Vaca 14, Mimbres River 16, Cook's Spring 18, Pienchio (without water) 52, Fort Fillmore 14, Cottonwoods 25, Franklin 22. Total 300 miles; time 82 hours.

Franklin to Waco Tanks 30, Canodrus 35, Pinery (without water) 55, Delaware Springs 24, Pope's Camp 40, Emigrant Crossing 65, Horseshoe Crossing 55, Head of Concho (without water) 70, Grape Creek 22, Fort Chadbourne 30. Total, 428 miles; time, 128 hours 40 minutes.

Fort Chadbourne to Station No. 1, 12, Mountain Pass 16, Phantom Hill 30, Smith's 12, Clear Fork 26, Francis's 13, Fort Belknap 22, Murphy's 16, Jackboro' 19, Earhart's 16, Conolly's 16, Davidson's 24, Gainesville 17, Diamond's 15, Sherman's 15, Colbert's Ferry (Red River) 13½. Total, 282½ miles; time 65 hours 25 minutes.

Colbert's to Fisher's 13, Walls 14, Boggy Depot 17, Gary's 17, Waddell's 15, Blackburn's 16, Pasley's 17, Riddell's 17, Holloway's 17, Trayton's 17, Walker's 17, Fort Smith 15. Total 192 miles; time 58 hours.

Fort Smith to Woolsey's 16, Brodie's 12, Park's 20, Fayetteville 14. — Station 12, Callahan's 22, Harburn's 19, Couch's 16, Smith's 15, Ashmore 20, Springfield 13, Evans's 9½, Smith's 11, Bolivar 11, Yost's 16, Bailey's 10, Warsaw 11, Burns's 10, Mulholland's 20, Shackelford's 13, Tipton 7. Total, 318½ miles; time, 48 hours 55 minutes.

Tipton to St. Louis, 160 miles; time, 11 hours and 40 minutes.

RECAPITULATION.

From San Francisco to Los Angeles, 462 miles.
Los Angeles to Fort Yuma, 282 "
Fort Yuma to Tucson, 280 "
Tucson to Franklin (El Paso), 300 "
Franklin to Ft. Chadbourne, 428 "
Ft. Chadbourne to Red River, 282½ "
Red River to Fort Smith, 192 "
Fort Smith to Tipton, 318½ "
Tipton to St. Louis, 160 "
Total, 2,766

Total time, 25 days. Time from Tubac to San Francisco, 11 days; to St. Louis, 16 days.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Horse-shoeing and general Blacksmithing.
THE SUBSCRIBER is prepared to shoe horses and mules and do a general blacksmith business at his shop at Santa Rita.
mar. 24—tf. JOHN A. RIDENOUR.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BOUGHT OUT the interest of Charles Hayden in the firm of Hayden & Robinson, will continue to deal in all kinds of

Dry Goods and Groceries,
Hardware, &c., &c., at Tucson, Arizona.
PALATINE ROBINSON.
March 15, 1857.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE FIRM of Hayden & Robinson are requested to come forward and settle without delay.
March 15, 1859. PALATINE ROBINSON.

PABLO COURINER DUPLA,
MAGDALENA, SONORA.
Receiving, Forwarding, Commission Merchant, Wholesale Groceries, Dry Goods, all kinds of Mexican Goods, etc., etc.
General Agency for the purchase of lands in the State of Sonora. References: Antonio Perez, Fort Buchanan, Canon Hermanor, Hermosillo.
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HARNESS MAKING.
THE SUBSCRIBER informs the people of this portion of Arizona that he has opened the Harness and Saddlery Business at Tubac, where he is prepared to do all work in his line.
Saddles and Harness made and repaired in the best manner. (mar. 10) I. A. HILL.

ARIZONA HOUSE,
TUBAC, ARIZONA.
mar. 10 IRA A. HILL, Proprietor.

COLT'S NAVY SIX-SHOOTER PISTOLS.
For sale by
mar. 10 WHITE & GRANGER,
At Fort Buchanan.

RICE.
500 POUNDS FOR SALE at 30 cts. per lb, by
mar. 10 WHITE & GRANGER,
At Fort Buchanan.

WHITE & GRANGER, at Fort Buchanan, have for sale, Rifles, Double-Guns, "North-West" Guns, Powder, Lead, Ely's Caps, Shot, Gun Wadding.
—ALSO—
Oils, Paints, Whiting, Putty, Chalk, Spirits-Turpentine, Glue, Nails, Castings, Tin-ware, Brass Kettles, Tubs, Buckets. [mar 10]

BACON SIDES.—12,000 pounds for sale by
mar. 10 WHITE & GRANGER,
At Fort Buchanan.

MOLASSES.—60 gallons for sale by
mar. 10 WHITE & GRANGER,
At Fort Buchanan.

KENNETT & DUDLEY,
DEALERS IN TOBACCO,
CINCINNATI, O.

WHITE & GRANGER,

AT FORT BUCHANAN.

Offer for sale a large assortment of Merchandise, consisting of,
DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,
CLOTHING, HATS,
BLANKETS, BOOTS,
HARDWARE, SHOES,
QUEENSWARE,
Tobacco, of all Sorts and Qualities,
LIQUORS OF ALL SORTS, AC. AC.
The above-named articles will be sold at reasonable prices, for Cash.

PISTOLS AND CARBINES.

A SUPPLY OF COLT'S NAVY PISTOL, (new pattern,) Also, Pocket "Six Shooters," together with a number of his six-barrel Carabines and five-barrel Rifles; FOR SALE at the Store of the Sonora Exploring and Mining Company, Tubac.
FREDERICK HULLSEMAN,
Store Keeper.

C. B. HUGHES, M. D.,

PRACTICING PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
TUBAC, ARIZONA.

UNITED STATES BOUNDARY HOTEL.
LOCATED ON THE SONOITA-VALLEY ROAD three miles from Fort Buchanan.

The above hotel will be opened by the subscriber in a few days, when he will be prepared to accommodate travelers in the best style the country affords. He will also keep on hand a fine assortment of wines, liquors, cigars, sardines, etc., etc., and after the first day of May, insure all horses committed to his care. Persons visiting the Fort will find good accommodations for the night at my establishment.
JAMES GRAYDON.

WANTED.

BY THE SANTA-RITA SILVER MINING CO
An experienced Smelter.
Also, good Barrateros, to work in the Salero Mine.
Apply to
W. WRIGHTSON, Tubac.

OFFICE SONORA E. & MINING Co.

Tubac, February 25th, 1859.

UNTIL THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT commence regular mail service on the route, a mail will be sent from this office Friday of each week to Tucson, to connect with the mail of the Overland Mail Co., both East and West. A mail will be received at the office on Sunday of each week.
S. H. LATHROP,
Treasurer.

MILLWRIGHT.—An experienced millwright can obtain employment and good wages on application to
S. H. LATHROP,
Director of the Mines,
Sonora Exploring and Mining Co., Tubac.

OFFICE SONORA EXPLORING & MINING Co.,

Tubac, Feb. 10, 1859.

H. J. OLDS.—Died of Consumption on the 27th day of October, 1858, while in the employment of this company, H. J. Olds. Mr. Olds was an American, about 30 years of age, a carpenter by trade, has a brother somewhere in California, and is said to have a sister and other relations in Wisconsin. His relatives can learn the particulars of his death, and his lawful representatives can obtain the amount due him at the time of his death on application to
S. H. LATHROP,
Director of the Mines, Tubac.

OFFICE SONORA EXPLORING & MINING Co.,

Tubac, Feb. 10, 1859.

JOHN STREIT, was killed in a rencounter with one Antonio Ellsner, on the 25th of December, 1858. Both persons were in the employment of this company. Streit was a German by birth, aged about 30; he was a cabinet maker by trade and at the time of his death "head carpenter" of the company. His family yet reside in Germany but he is said to have relatives living near San Antonio, Texas. His friends can learn the particulars of his death, and his legal representatives can obtain the amount due him, on application to
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OVERLAND MAIL NOTICE—Change of Hour.

On and after 3d December, the Overland Mail Stage will leave San Francisco for St. Louis and Memphis at 12 o'clock M. on Monday and Friday of each week. Overland Express for Visalia, Fort Tejon and Los Angeles, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 12 o'clock M.

Overland Mail Company (via Los Angeles).—Tariff of Prices. From San Francisco, or from any point on the route between San Francisco and Fort Yuma, to terminus of Pacific Railroad, or Ft. Smith, Ark., \$100; From San Francisco to Visalia, \$20; From San Francisco to Fort Tejon, \$30; From San Francisco to Los Angeles, \$40; From San Francisco to Fort Yuma, \$79; From Los Angeles to Fort Yuma, \$40. Way fare 10 cents per mile; no charge less than one dollar.

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Agent O. M. Co., San Francisco.

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